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# The Caledonian Mercury.

*Edinburgh, Monday, July* 1, 1728.

*From the Country Journal, June* 22.

ALL the News that we have as yet received from Soissons, consists in Accounts of the Compliments which the Ambassadors Plenipotentiaries pay to one another; particularly of the extraordinary Deference paid to *Cardinal Fleury*, and the genteel Manner in which his Eminence accepts of that Incense, as well as his great Professions of *Neutrality* and of his sincere desire to see all Differences adjusted in an equal Manner, and the Peace of Europe established on a lasting Foundation.

We have likewise a remarkable Account, by a private Letter from Paris, that a printed Paper hath been lately handed about there, pretended to be a Letter from *Don C-l-s* to Monsieur Ballance, a Gentleman well known in that City; It sets forth, That whereas the latter had some Time ago, made great Use of his Name, in a *famous Pamphlet*, published by his Direction, in which he is represented as a Person very likely to become *universal Monarch of Europe*, upon the Death of *half Dozen Relations*, and as many other *extraordinary Accidents* (all which *fine Prospects* are now intirely vanished by his Father's good State of Health, the Recovery and Marriage of his Brother, the Fruitfulness of his Cousin, &c.) he humbly desires some Care may be taken of him at the C----s, and that Monsieur *Balance* will be pleased to take Care of his Interest there in such a Manner, as he in his great Wisdom shall think meet. -- Tho' this Piece is generally supposed to be written by some *Crack-brain'd Malecontent*, yet it is said that great Endeavours are used to discover the Author of it, in order to bring him to condign Punishment.

*From the London Evening-Post. June* 22.

*Constantinople, May* 13. The last Advices from Persia confirm that the Troubles there encrease daily. 'Tis reported that Prince Thamas endeavouring to penetrate into the Kingdom, in order to join some Troops of his Party, had been seized by the Prince of Candabar, under a Pretence of Friendship, who 'twas thought would infallibly take off his Head, as the only Means to put an End to the Civil Wars.

*Petersburg, June* 10. General Munich has received Orders to draw together in a Body all the Troops quartered near this Place, and Nerva, Revel and Riga, in order to their being reviewed by the Emperor at his Return: Eight Barks are arrived from Olonitz, laden with a great Number of Iron Cannon, Bullets and other Warlike Materials, which are to be embarked on board some Vessels bound for Spain.

*Brussels, June* 24. We hear from Soissons, That M. Hop, one of the Plenipotentiaries of the States General, arrived there on the 17th. That most of the Ministers were gone or going to Compeigne, to pass some Days there, till the Return of the Expresses they had sent to their Courts, and then would recommence their Conferences.

*Hague, June* 27. The Lord Glenorchy is set out for Copenhagen.

'Tis still uncertain whether the King of Denmark will persist in his Design to favour the Project of Altena, a small but commodious Port over against Hamburg; which seems to threaten rather to do that City and the English and Dutch East India Companies a Prejudice, than to promise any considerable Advantage to the Persons concerned.

*Greenock, June* 7. Daniel Macun, Master of the John of Renfrew, who arrived here some Days ago from Aberdeen, gives a further Account of the Dutch E. India Ship lately cast away on the Coasts of Barra in the Highlands of Scotland; That he lay at Anchor at Canna near Barra, 10 or 12 Days, where he was informed by several People who had been over in open Boats at Barra, That there had been several more People taken up and buried, besides those mention'd in the former Accounts; That there 70 in one Day, and that they saw several at low Water between the Clefts of the Rocks, and that they saw several Guns lying upon the Side of the

the Rock where she was cast away. The Inhabitants understand by some Papers found among the Wreck that came ashore, that she was a Ship about 8 or 900 Tons; and that she sailed from Amsterdam the 11th of March, and was cast away the 24th ditto in the Night. It was observed she was endeavouring to get clear of that Island for 2 Days before. Assoon as the Wreck began to come ashore the Deputy Admiral was was sent for, and he and the chief Magistrate of the Island, with a Guard of 12 armed Men, attended upon the Shore for three Days and three Nights, burying the dead, and securing the Effects they could come at. There was among the dead that came ashore, a Woman with two Children, the one tied before and the other behind; there was also a young Gentlewoman, who had in her Breast between her Shift and her Skin, a Letter of Recommendation from her Mother to a Gentlewoman in the East Indies.

*From the Evening Post, June 22.*

*Vienna, June 12.* They write from Constantinople, that the Differences between the Turks and Russians, seem to be in a fair Way of Accommodation, and that the Emperor's last Representations have made a strong Impression on the Ottoman Porte.

*London, June 22.* The Lords of the Treasury have ordered Money for paying off the late King's Debts, and filled up some vacant Places in the Customs.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, June 22.*

*Dresden, June 16.* Two Days ago the Abbot de Livry, Ambassador of the King of France, set out for Paris, leaving the Abbot l'Anglois, to take Care of the Affairs of that Crown in his Absence. We hear that the States of Saxony have promised to supply the King with 14 Millions of Rixdollars in 3 Years.

*Petersburg, June 18.* The Value of 20,000 Rubles in Coronation Medals of Gold and Silver, are coining here by Order of the Government, to be sent to our Ministers in Foreign Courts, and to the chief Governors of the Cities and Towns of the Empire.

An Inventary of the Effects of Knez Menzicoff is taking here, and 'tis assured they will be distributed among the Generals and Officers to compleat the Losses they sustained during the Administration of that Minister.

*Soissons, June 24.* In the 2d Conference the Plenipotentiaries settled their Meetings for twice a-week, viz Mondays and Thursdays. Some Servants of the Russian Minister Count Golofskin are arrived here.

*Compeigne, June 24.* Count Sinzendorf and the Duke de Bournonville, who have been several Times a hunting with the King here, are to return this Day with Cardinal de Fleury to Soissons.

*London, June 22.* The Convocation is prorogued to the 23d of October,

On Monday Night a fine Gelding belonging to Mr. Thomas Hales a Farmer, at Turnham Green, was struck Dead by the Lightning, but no Wound perceiveable; in a few Yards off, the Ground was tore up as if it had been done with a Plough for about 7 Foot, and the Grass all round it burnt.

On Tuesday in the Afternoon a Barge Man was struck down by Lightning as he was going up a Ladder at Trig Stairs; and falling into the River, was drowned before any Help could be got.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, June 22.*

*Paris, June 24.* Letters from Compeigne say, That the King for these three Days past has diverted himself with Stag Hunting in the Forest there, and that the Deer were so strong as to hold out a Race of 80 Miles before they can be killed; and a Wild Boar of about 200 Weight had that Agility of Body as to deceive the Hunters by his Turnings and Windings, in so much that they were obliged to give over the Chace.

*Newcastle upon Tine, June 11.* This Day Roger Johnson the Coiner, who formerly made his Escape out of Newgate with Henry Fisher, for taking whom 100 L. Reward was offered, was apprehended by Mr. Perry and Mr. Jeffreys, who as they were drinking in a Cydar Cellar near the Land Hill, saw him coming along; he had been five Weeks in Scotland, and nine Days in this Town, he had a Companion here, who the Moment he heard he was taken, mounted his Horse and rode away; Deacons Orders were found in his Pocket, also a great Quantity of Gold and Silver, and a Gold Watch, he was confined in our Goal all Night, next Morning they hand cuff'd him, and put

Shackles

Shacklet on his Legs, and ſo proceeded in a Chaiſe with him towards London.

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*Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, June 25.*

*Since our laſt arrived the Mails from France and Flanders.*

WE believe it may not be amiſs to give you the Accompt that was preſented to the Commons laſt Seſſions, of ſuch of the National Debts as were incurr'd before the 25th Day of December 1716. viz.

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| To the South Sea Company on their Capital Stock, the 9th of his late Ma- jeſty, | - - | L. 16901241 | 17 00 |
| To them more, on the South Sea Annuities, | - - - | 16901241 | 17 00 |
| To the E. India Company, | | 3200000 | 00 00 |
| To the Bank of England, on their riginal Fund, | - - - | 1600000 | 00 00 |
| To Ditto for cancelling Exchequer ills, the 7th Q. Anne, | - | 1775027 | 17 10 |
| To Ditto for cancelling Exchequer ills, the 3d George I. | - | 2000000 | 00 00 |
| To Ditto for ſo much purchaſed by em of the S. S. Company, | - | 4000000 | 00 00 |
| To Exchequer Orders for th' Army ebentures unpaid, | - - | 2181165 | 16 04 |
| To Ditto for Navy Debentures, | | 68534 | 01 01 |
| Total, | - - - | 46664211 | 09 05 |
| Total of the National Debt ſtand- g out at Chriſtmaſs laſt, | - | 58258946 | 19 00 |
| The annual Intereſt for the me, | - - - | 2151575 | 14 07 |

We hear that the Lords of the Treaſury have or- ed a Sum of Money for paying off certain Debts his late Majeſty.

The ſeveral Troops of Horſe Guards and Horſe nadier Guards are to be reviewed by his Ma- the 6th of next Month in Hide Park.

t the Review laſt Saturday in the ſaid Park, the of Albemarle receiv'd a Cut in his Right Hand dentally by a Soldier, who was endeavouring eep off the Crowd; which 'tis ſaid may prove angerous Conſequence.

eſterday the Reverend Mr. Buſtow was cho- Rector of All-hallows, Staining, in room of Dr deceas'd.

The ſame Day came on the Election of Sheriffs for the Year enſuing at Guildhall, when Aldermen Brocas and Levet were declared to have the Majority of Hands; but a Poll was demanded and granted in behalf of Mr. Strong, Citizen and Maſon, againſt the laſt named Alderman, which was to have begun this Day, but we hear he has ſince declined it.

They write from Dublin, That a Vacancy falling of 3 Fellowſhips in that College by the Demiſe of the Rev. Mr. De Lang, Mr. Hepford and Mr. Bacon, an Examination for electing Members to their Places begun the 12th Inſtant, when there appeared as Candidates 13 Students. 7 Maſters, and 16 Batchelors of Art, and on the 17th Inſt. the Places were to be filled up according to Merit. They add, That there was a Report there in almoſt every Body's Mouth, that there was a bloody Shirt and ſome bloody Cloaths of Andouin the French Surgeon, found in a ſecret Place in his late Dwelling Houſe: Which is look'd upon as a Proof of his being guilty of the Murder of his Servant Maid, notwithſtanding all his ſolemn Proteſtations to the contrary at his Death.

Various Reports are ſtill raiſed, particularly with reſpect to the Proceedings of the Congreſs of Soiſſons. Some pretend to inſinuate warm Debates, even before there's any Account of the Plenipotentiaries having entred upon the Negociations for a general Pacification; on the good Iſſue of which the Government has laid ſuch a Confidence, as to call home the Men of War that are abroad and pay them off: The Conſideration of which, we think, ſhould have that Weight, as to remove all Doubts and Fears concerning the Event of the ſaid Congreſs.

The Whigs, we hear, are very much ſurprized at the Proceedings of the oppoſite Part P, in putting up Alderman Levet for one of the Sheriffs; and ſuggeſt, that they have a further Deſign to oppoſe the Election of Sir Robert Bailies for Lord Mayor, by ſeting up Alderman Parſons and Alderman Child againſt him.

This Morning died Gerard, Eſq; commonly called Beau Gerard.

*From the London Evening-Poſt, June 25.*

*Vienna, June 16.* The Empreſs Dowager Amelia

lii went Yesterday to Laxemburg to wish the Emperor and the Empress a good Journey. Their Imperial Majesties will set out Tomorrow for Newstadt, where they will continue till the 20th, and then proceed on their Journey to Gratz, intending to make their publick Entry at that Place on the 23d with the utmost Magnificence. The Aulick Council of War has sent Orders to all the Officers to repair forthwith to their respective Posts, and to dismiss all the Soldiers who are not able to support the Fatigue of a March, to the End that if Occasion should happen, the Army may not be incumbred with them. They wait only for the Return of the Minister of Demark, who is gone Carlsbad, to impart to him the Resolution which the Emperor has lately taken in favour of the City of Hamburg.

*Paris, June* 30. 'Tis said that the Regiments of French and Swiss Guards, are to encamp for some Time in the Plain of Sablons.

The Great Duke of Tuscany's Envoy has sent three Expresses on the Heels of one another to Florence, but on what Occasion is not said.

They write from Toulon of the 13th, That the Squadron which sailed from thence on the 6th, must in all Probability be arrived by the Time those Letters are dated, before Tunis, the Wind having been very fair for them ever since they put to Sea.

*Paris, June* 30. Cardinal de Fleury, who was to have gone the 25th to Soissons, did not go thither till the 27th; and his Eminence will return Tomorrow directly to Versailles, without going again to Compeigne. And the King, who was to have returned this Day to Versailles, will not be there till Tomorrow.

*London, June* 25. On Monday the 17th Instant, William Douglas, *junior* of Cavers Esq; was unanimously re-elected Member of Parliament for the Shire of Roxburgh, his former Election becoming void on his accepting the Office of Keeper of his Majesty's General Register of Hornings in Scotland.

We hear that General Ross is soon to have a Regiment.

*From the St. James's Evening-Post, June* 25.

*London, June* 25. We have Advice from Marseilles, That Collonel William Cosby landed at Minorca with his Detachment from Gibraltar the 30th of April, and after staying there some Time to settle his Regiment in Ciudadella, was arrived at Marseilles the 2d of June in his Way home.

*Edinburgh, July* 1. Friday last his Excellency Lieutenant General Wade arrived in Town from London.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Whereas his Majesty has been graciously pleased to Empower them to lay out the Sum of 2000 l. sterl. for the Encouragement of such Persons as shall contract with them to fit up sufficient Bleaching Fields in Scotland: Therefore Notice is hereby given to all Persons who intend to fit up such Fields, That they give in their Proposals to DAVID FLINT, their Secretary, on or before the last Day of September next; in which Proposals they are to mention the Extent of the Field, the County and Place it lies in, the Water it is to be supplied with, and the Character of the Person or Persons that are to direct and carry on the Work.

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